

# REPUBLICAN GARCIA HEADS BACK TO NEW HAMPSHIRE HOUSE WITH VICTORY TONIGHT IN SPECIAL ELECTION

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ALEXANDRIA, VA – With the second Republican special election victory in two weeks, former state representative Marilinda Garcia has regained her seat in the New Hampshire House to represent the fourth district. Just last week, Jeb Bradley won in the third senate district in a hotly contested election. Both Garcia and Bradley ran on and were victorious with their message of limited government and reduced taxes. Garcia's win tonight continues the number of Republicans winning at the state and federal level following the November Presidential Election. The Republican State Leadership Committee, the nation's largest caucus of Republican state leaders, congratulated Garcia on her re-election in New Hampshire.

"Marilinda Garcia ran an outstanding grassroots campaign and we are excited about her win tonight. Garcia's win for the House this week coupled with Bradley's win last week sends a clear message that commonsense, limited government solutions in state government are alive and well," said RSLC President Scott Ward. "We are working to rebuild the Republican Party by building a farm team for the future at the state level. We are pleased to have supported Garcia's campaign effort and to have her back on the team."

The RSLC implemented a new media strategy focusing on the two special elections in New Hampshire to heighten the awareness of the importance of winning these seats. In addition, Republicans have won six other special elections for the state legislature since November, including: Tom Kovach, who won the special election for the 6th District of the Delaware House, which includes part of Vice President-elect Joe Biden's hometown, and Barry Knight who won the special election in the 81st House District in Virginia - DNC Chair Governor Tim Kaine's home state.

The Republican State Leadership Committee (RSLC) is the only national organization whose mission is electing Republicans to the office of Attorney General, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State and State Legislator. The RSLC is the largest caucus of Republican state leaders in the country "making a national impact one state at a time."

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The RSLC has over 75,000 donors from all 50 states supporting the RSLC's goals to pursue a pro-growth agenda, including reforming the tax code, healthcare and legal systems; promoting a better educational system; encouraging sound energy initiatives; and advocating public safety through tough, crime-fighting policies. During the 2008 election the RSLC helped maintain the number of Republican Attorneys General and Lieutenant Governors across the U.S. In addition, the RSLC was able to deliver new Republican majorities in the Montana, Oklahoma and Tennessee state senates, as well as an unprecedented majority in the Tennessee House of Representatives.